

Portland Harbor Superfund Site*

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1. What would it mean to have a "clean" Portland Harbor?

- what changes would matter to you (i.e., affect your objectives)?
- what do you care about that would become better (and, perhaps, worse)?
- what would there be more of that you care about?

Think about a cleanup effort that has been well done: what does it look like?

Think about a cleanup effort that has not succeeded: what does it look like?

2. What reasonable actions could be taken to help bring these changes about?

- what actions could be taken quickly, inexpensively, and with broad agreement?
- what actions might take longer or be more expensive or controversial?

3. Looking more deeply at these actions, do you think they can be completed?

- do the required scientific knowledge and data exist?
- do the required political will and economic resources exist?
- do the agencies involved appear competent and do you trust them?

4. Looking more deeply at your objectives, which are the most important?

- which objectives matter the most to you, and why?
- which objectives are less important to you, and why?

5. If you could highlight three specific actions for consideration by the Superfund Site program, what would they be? Why are these your top three?

The focus of this EPA-funded award to Decision Research is to increase understanding of stakeholders' concerns regarding cleanup of contaminated sediments in the Willamette River along the Portland Harbor corridor. The overall goal of the Superfund project is to make the harbor corridor safer for use by people, wildlife, and fish.

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